

CLASHES IN HEARING  
ON COURTS-MARTIALCol. Wigmore Says System  
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More Law.

## I ANSWERED BY ANSELL

Legal Control From Start of  
Cases Is Great Lack, As-  
serts Chief Critic.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The radical difference of opinion that exists not only in military circles but among lawyers as to the present system of military justice was brought out sharply today before the committee of the American Bar Association in the conflicting views presented by Lieut.-Col. Samuel T. Ansell, the officer of the regular army who is chief assistant of the system, and Col. John Wigmore, temporary officer and widely known as a student of law in civil life. The most active defender of the present system in the absence of Major-Gen. Crowder, Judge Advocate General.

"The court-martial system does not need more law, but more facts," Col. Wigmore asserted, urging that amendment of the present system to insure "perfectly fearless counsel for the accused" to bring out the facts would go far toward remedying such defects as had been disclosed.

"There is a feeling that by putting in more technical law we will get more justice," he added. "I do not believe that."

Col. Ansell, resuming his argument, defined the real issue as the question: "Whether military justice is going to be conducted by hard and fast military rules, or is it going to take on an aspect of civil justice?"

Ansell on Legal Control.

"If we had legal control from the beginning of the proceedings, he asserted, after displaying charts showing the extensive machinery set up in the Judge Advocate General's office to correct errors, "we would have had no need for this great review machinery at the top."

Col. Wigmore took direct issue with statements made by Senator Chamberlain and Col. Ansell. He quoted a speech made by Chamberlain in the Senate which declared that the army court-martial system represented neither a system of justice nor a system of law.

"If any man, after any rational inquiry whatever, holds to that view," Col. Wigmore declared, "he is hopeless."

Similarly he challenged Col. Ansell's frequently repeated charge that the military justice system is "archaic." On the contrary, Col. Wigmore declared, there are elements in the army system so advanced and modern that men in civil practice can only dream of the day when they will be applied in civil courts.

Col. Ansell entered today upon the detailed discussion of changes in law he desires made to accomplish his main purpose of divorcing the legal aspects of the army completely from the possibility of military domination. He recited figures to show that 94 per cent. of the enlisted men brought to trial were convicted.

"Inhumanly Perfect or Unjust."

"Either this is a most inhumanly perfect machine," he said, "or a most inhumanly unjust one."

About 30 per cent. of the officers tried are convicted, Col. Ansell added, but continued: "We know that the officers get better trials than the enlisted men."

The records of the General Court-Martial, of which he is the head, Col. Ansell said, show that 63 per cent. of the cases reviewed were not well tried and that 20 per cent. were "poorly tried."

The intervention of the American Bar Association in the controversy was directly due to the suggestion of Col. Ansell, former Acting Judge Advocate General. Chairman S. S. Gregory of the association's committee formally stated today in denying a report that the committee had been organized through the desire of the War Department to forestall a Congressional inquiry.

Judge Gregory made his statement at the opening of the committee's session before entering upon an examination of Col. Sedgwick Rice, commandant of the army disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth.

## WOOLWORTH WILL FILED.

Widow Named Sole Beneficiary  
and Executor.

The will of the late Frank W. Woolworth, dated July 21, 1893, was filed for probate yesterday at Minnesota, naming Mrs. Jennie Woolworth, the widow, as the sole beneficiary. The witnesses were Charles H. Johnson of Montclair, N. J., and Walter L. C. Glenn of 114 Brooklyn avenue, Brooklyn. The value of the estate was stated to be "more than \$100,000 in real property and more than \$100,000 in personal property."

Mrs. Woolworth is made executrix without bond to make suitable provision for other heirs. Herbert T. Parsons was named committee of Mrs. Woolworth's property when she was adjudged incompetent.

## SIDE SLIP KILLS U. S. FLIER.

Lieut. Ralph G. Koons Falls 200  
Feet in Texas.

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., April 23.—Lieut. Ralph G. Koons, radio officer at Fort Field, Lawton, Okla., fell to his death at Call Field late Tuesday, his airplane going into a side slip as he was leaving the field. He fell about 200 feet.

He had been here with a party doing cross-country work. The body will be sent to Newark, Ohio, his former home.

## HASTINGS LOSES TROLLEYS.

Service to Be Dropped Because Extra  
Fare Is Refused.

Trolley service in the village of Hastings-on-Hudson will be abandoned on Monday morning by permission of the Public Service Commission.

Announcement of this decision by S. W. Huff, president of the Third Avenue Railway, which owns the Yonkers Railroad Company, was made last year when the village trustees refused to allow the company to charge an extra 5 cent fare after crossing the line into Yonkers. Under the old rate the people of the village could ride to the Van Cortlandt Park subway station for 5 cents.

The abandonment of the line causes a serious situation, for it is the only trolley connection between Yonkers and Hastings. The village board of trustees will meet to-night.

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FOR INDIGESTION

## TROOPS MAY BE LET OFF.

Impression That Archangel Men  
Will Not Be Punished.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Acting Secretary of War Crowell said today that the War Department had not yet been advised as to what action it may have taken against the American soldiers at Archangel who refused to obey orders and go to the front line against the Bolsheviks.

The question of punishment would be decided by the commanding officers, Mr. Crowell said. The impression at the War Department is that the soldiers will not be disciplined for their offense.

COSSACKS FORCING  
BOLSHEVISTS BACKUral Troops Begin Offensive,  
Acting in Conjunction  
With Siberians.

LONDON, April 23.—Ural Cossack troops, apparently acting in conjunction with the Siberian forces of Admiral Kolchak, have begun an offensive in the region of Ural, in southeastern Russia, south of Samara, and have captured several villages west of Ural.

A Russian wireless official statement under date of April 22, admitting the progress of the Ural Cossacks, says that further north the Bolsheviks have carried out further retreats "owing to enemy pressure."

Thirty-five miles southwest of Ural fighting is taking place between the Cossacks and the Bolsheviks for the possession of the fortress of Shevorkin.

Ural is near the border between the Ural territory and the trans-Caspian region. It is the terminus of the railway line running east from Saratov, on the Volga. Ural is about 200 miles southwest of Strelitz, where the Kolchak forces were reported several days ago to be advancing southward on Orenburg.

A War Office communication issued this evening dealing with the situation on the Russian front says that information received from the Russian forces on the Pechora River it has been learned that the Russians, in conjunction with Siberians, have cleared the Bolsheviks from Istishna and that the Bolsheviks are retreating to the west.

The statement adds that the Siberians are being joined everywhere by the inhabitants and that the Siberian commander has been met by a British mission from Archangel.

Large quantities of material were abandoned by the Bolsheviks when they were driven out of Ozerki recently, according to the report of Major-Gen. Edmond Ironside, British Commander in Chief on the Archangel front, regarding the operation. His report continues:

"We captured two field guns, 1,000 rounds of three inch ammunition and prisoners. The spirit of the troops taking part was excellent and they have done exceedingly well."

Regarding the general situation Gen. Ironside says:

"Deserters from the Bolshevik forces have joined our own and the Russian troops. They openly show their hatred of the Bolsheviks and bear witness to the hard conditions of service. This has done more than anything else to consolidate the new Russian army."

Gen. Ironside in his report mentions especially a battalion of Royal Scots with the north Russian force as having had the hardest time of any troops in the Archangel sector, with the heaviest casualties, but as displaying high morale throughout and never showing a sign of being dispirited. The general also mentions several times the excellent work done by the French, French engineer companies, who also have formed a part of his command for some time.

## HALLER'S TROOPS IN WARSAW.

First Contingent to Cross Germany  
Welcomed by Poles.

WARSAW, April 23.—The first contingent of the Polish troops under Gen. Haller, from France, has arrived at Warsaw in command of Gen. Bernard, who aided in the defense of the Champagne sector of the French front. The troops were enthusiastically welcomed by the authorities and a large gathering of the people.

Great preparations are being made for the reception of Gen. Haller when he reaches Warsaw.

## I.W.W. Leader Out of Jail on Bail.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 23.—Vincent St. John, a member of the I. W. W. convicted in Chicago last September of conspiring to obstruct the operation of the draft law and sentenced to ten years in prison here, was released yesterday after acceptance of his bond for \$10,000 by the Chicago Federal Court.

## PIRIE MACDONALD

Photographer of Men.

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STATE GETS PERMIT  
TO ORGANIZE GUARDFour Regiments of Infantry  
May Be Organized in  
New York.

## WAR DEPARTMENT RULES

Status of Militia Back to Pre-  
War Basis as Result of  
Decision.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The State of New York had been authorized by the Bureau of Military Affairs of the War Department to organize four National Guard regiments of infantry, one squadron of cavalry and twelve companies of coast artillery.

New Jersey has authorization to organize one regiment of infantry and two companies of coast artillery.

The plan of the War Department is to replace State troops which under section 51 of the National Defense Act cannot legally be maintained in time of peace.

The action of the War Department brings the status of the National Guard troops back to where it was before the war, but is not to be interpreted as anticipating the action of Congress relative to the formation of a national military policy. The initiative for the formation of the organizations authorized must come from the States, it was explained.

Units authorized now must be in such state of organization before June 30 as to be eligible for Federal recognition if the War Department is to extend financial aid. The State authorities were notified.

## MISERY IN MUNICH

AS COMMUNISTS GAIN

Food Seized and Hospitals  
Robbed of Allowance.

BERLIN, via Copenhagen, April 23.—Terrorism still reigns in Munich and the Bavarian capital is on the verge of bankruptcy, the Lokaleinsitzer says. There is wholesale misery in Munich, and almost all the workers are idle. What food is arriving there is taken by the Communists. Some of the food is given to women and children, but the public kitchens and the hospitals are robbed of their allowances of food.

The Government of Premier Hoffmann, the newspaper adds, intends to transfer from Nuremberg to Nuremberg because it is rumored that the Nuremberg Communists are planning a surprise attack on the Government in company with Munich Communists, and the airplane forces hope to oust their opponents by the move.

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for Meeting.U. S. LOSES HEAVILY  
IN WAR INSURANCETreasury Bureau Pays Out  
\$785,613,500 for 102,286  
Death Claims.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The Government is a heavy loser on soldier and sailor war insurance. Announcement was made by the War Risk Bureau of the Treasury today that insurance awards—benefits—paid out on this insurance far exceed the premiums paid in. Just what this difference is is not definitely known, as the total of premiums is not given.

To April 15 the bureau had made 102,286 awards with a commuted value of \$785,613,500 for the death of men holding insurance. For total permanent disability of insured men 128 awards have been made with a commuted value of \$804,500.

Death awards for insurance have been made on \$7,744 claims, affecting 102,286 beneficiaries. In many instances the monthly insurance payments are divided among several beneficiaries, and in some instances single payments are divided among as many as ten beneficiaries.